THE BATTLE OF THE BUBBLES.

SHEWING

Their ſeveral Conſtitutions, Alliances, Policies, and Wars; From their firſt Suddain Riſe, to their late Speedy Decay.

ALSO

How *Oceana*, The *Grand Bubble*, out of Envy, praying to *Jupiter*, to Deſtroy *Thameſis*, and her *Siſters*, had her Prayer anſwer'd; and Periſh'd, her ſelf, in the ſame common and miſerable Fate.

By a Stander-By.

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IN the ſelf-ſame Year, wherein the Plague raged in *France*, and wherein Hereſy was well nigh extirpated the Palatinate on the *Rhine*:

In the Year wherein *Peter Alexowitz*'s (Czar of *Muſcovy*) Hands were tied up (by King *George*) from Murthering his Neighbours, and Burning their Houſes: In the Year wherein Old Women were very much given to Marriage; and wherein the Inhabitants of *England*, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, ran Mad, and Transfer'd all their Wealth and Subſtance to Foreigners and Strangers—— In that Year (N°. 1720.) was

the afore-ſaid Kingdom of *England* Infeſted with numerous and monſtrous Beaſts, of uncommon Nature; different in Figure, and pernicious, moſt pernicious, (All) in their Tendencies and Purſuits;

Men call'd them BUBBLES.

Having ravaged the greateſt Part of that rich and flouriſhing Nation, call'd (in the Times of Content and Plenty) *Old-England*; and having almoſt entirely ruin'd and depopulated the Famous Metropolis thereof, they all met (by one common and dire Conſent) upon a certain Day, in the Famous Incloſure of *Exchange-Alley*, reſolv'd and bent on further Miſchiefs, of various and moſt malignant Kinds; and There, and Then, advis'd and concerted Meaſures, proper to ruin and undo the ſmall, remaining Part of, not yet quite undone *Engliſhmen* —— Execrable Deſign!

Numerous was the Brood; horrid the Appearance!

Such another Group of Baleful Beings Nature never brought forth; nor can any Region of Darkneſs equal or produce. De-

Deform'd! devouring! uncompaſſionate! multifarious Monſters!

Black and gloomy was the Day, and Thunder, and Hail, and Lightnings, welcom'd the Full Aſſembly.

Clos'd were *Robin*'s well-frequented Doors, as in the Time of Plague; and *Jonathan* and *Crew* retired to the Synagogue, to deprecate the Impending Danger.

Fatal had been the Reſult of this Congreſs; Rapine, Beggary, Chains, Murther, Self-murther, and every other Evil had *Change-Alley* on that Day brought forth, had not *Jupiter*, Kind *Jupiter*, in an Inſtant, quitted *Olympus*; and, viewing the Miſeries of the Day, and the Miſeries yet to come, from *Whitehall*'s ſtately Towers, diſpers'd the Obſcene Crowd, by darting his moſt Death-doing Thunder-Bolt amongſt them.

Thunder! well-directed Thunder! term'd *Scire-Facias*, by the *Greeks*.

The following Piece being contriv'd in the Hiſtorical Way, I cannot do better, in Lieu of a *Preface* or *Introduction*, than to commence my Facts from the

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firſt Original of theſe Beaſts, whereby it will appear, that their Exploits, both in Peace and War, were ſo great, ſo ſurprizing, that if any Man compares the flouriſhing Condition of theſe Beaſts, their Riches, their Power, their Splendor, their Equipage, with the ſhort Space of Time, wherein theſe Things were wrought, he will be amaz'd, and rather think it the Work of an Age, than the Product of the narrow Compaſs of a few Months.

But, alas! juſt ſuch was the Fate of the famous *Roman* Empire, if you will believe a greater Hiſtorian than my ſelf.

For want of *Preface* likewiſe, I ſhall lay before my Reader the diverſe Characters and Deſcriptions of theſe Beaſts, and ſhall inſtruct him in their ſeveral Names and Appellations, (the Chief at leaſt) that he may the more readily and eaſily comprehend and underſtand all the Particulars of the following Narration.

'Tis very remarkable, that theſe Beaſts had (in all Human Probability) but One Father; and it is very certain that they All came forth from One and the Same Womb;

Womb; altho' nothing can be more ſurprizing than their different Aſpects, than the different Proportion and Shape of their Limbs, and the different Size and Make of their Bodies.

The Views, indeed, and whole Aim of their Lives, were very Uniform, and much of a Piece; they were All equally given to Rapine, and Plunder, and Murther; ſo given, that, rather than ſuffer their Savageneſs to be unemploy'd, they tore to pieces, and devoured, one another.

Beſides this univerſal Conſent of Nature, in Regard to Ferity and Prey, in the Inner-Beaſt, they had other Things alſo, in common, in the Outward-Beaſt, which was a general Diſpoſition of Oblique Rays thro' their Eyes, whereby they were enabled to look ſeveral Ways at one Time; ſo that nothing could poſſibly eſcape them; as alſo a thorough Shade and Gloomineſs of Countenance, whereby their Looks were ſo *Naturally* Artificial, that Nothing Sure or Certain was ever to be gueſs'd at, or concluded from them, *&c.*

Theſe Things, compar'd with a joint Inſatiableneſs of Appetite, and an Unmercifulneſs

mercifulneſs of Unrelenting Temper, tho' they had ſwallow'd You up, and All that you had, may make one conclude that they were All Genuine Brethren, and were lawfully Begotten on Both Sides; altho' as to Figure and Shape, *&c.* they were as unlike as St. *Paul*'s Church is to a *Barber*'s-Shop: Notwithſtanding it muſt be allowed there are Cunning Shavers in Both thoſe Places.

Their Mother was the Renown'd *Avaritia*, a *Dutch* Woman, Famous for having Teem'd with many and moſt Ill-contriv'd Sooter-kins; and that, long before ſhe curs'd the World with the Infamous Litter whereof I now treat.

She Conceiv'd in a Garret, in *York-Buildings*, facing the *River Thames*, about the latter End of the Glorious Reign of our late Queen; and was Deliver'd of her Eldeſt Brute, on the Ocean, between *Harwich* and the *Brill*.— This Brute came forth ſingle, having, alone, given her Mother every Sorrow of Parturition, which ſhe felt, not many Years after, in producing the reſt, at One tedious Birth. They were All the Spawn of One

one Conception; N°. 365 Living, beſides as many Abortives at the ſame Time.

Their Father was —— *Trickſter*, an *Engliſhman*, whoſe Chriſtian Name is buried in the dark Records of Infamy, and cannot be made publick. But, be that as it will, ſuch as both their Names are, ſuch was both their Natures, and ſuch their Offſprings alſo; he, in the Male; ſhe, in the Female; he, in his Kind; ſhe, in her's; Both as bad as bad can be: And, I think, we have little elſe to do with the Parents, but to Curſe the Day wherein they were Born.

Of *Oceana*, the Eldeſt Brute, (for ſo ſhe was call'd, for other Reaſons, beſides the Place of her Birth;) many ſtrange and ſurprizing Things are told, as, that ſhe was magically Begotten; and that her Mother became Impregnate by the wafting of a certain Caballiſtical Rod over her Womb, the Night whereon —— whereby the unintelligible Art of Amuletts, Faſcination, and Charms, was infus'd into her with the

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firſt Speck of Life: Accordingly, ſhe bewitch'd Thouſands to fall in Love with her, and to ſpend their whole Fortunes upon her: And what is monſtrous in her, is, that tho' ſhe has reduc'd 'em all to Skin and Bone, yet her Luſt is not one Bit abated; and ſhe runs a whoring after new Lovers every Day, many whereof grow ſo ſoon tired of her Tricks and Artifices, that they forſake her as faſt as they take to her. She had about Twenty Six Heads upon her Shoulders, and above Two Thouſand Five Hundred ſeveral Joints and Limbs: But then, ſad Heads they were; and indeed! ſorry were moſt Part of the Members and Limbs; yea! ſorry, by their own Confeſſion.

By the Power of Magick, ſhe very often whip'd off ſome of her Heads; (not in *Story*, like *Hercules* and *Hydra*,) but really and truly, (for, indeed, they deſerv'd to be whip'd off;) and by the ſame Magick, ſhe whip'd others into their Place again.

As to her Members, and Joints, and Parts, ſhe chang'd and vary'd them almoſt

almoſt every Day; ſo that a Black-ſmith's Hand would very often appear in the Place where a fine Lady's had been but juſt before; and you'd ſee a young Innocent Maiden's *All*, bruſh, in an Inſtant, into the Spot of an arrant old Bawd's; and ſo on, *ad Infinitum*.

Her Bulk and Stature was, ſometimes, of the firſt Magnitude; ſometimes of the moderate Size; but, thro' the extream *Softneſs* of moſt of her Heads, and thro' want of Brains therein, ſufficient to circulate Life and Spirits thro' the whole Hodg-podg of her Body, at this Day ſhe is dwindled to a Skeleton; nay, almoſt to nothing, beyond the Power (as is thought) of her Father's Magick; of her Mother's Childrens, or of her own Skill in Spells and Pharmaceutricy, to reſtore her to Health and Corpulency again.

The *Dutch* Damn her; the *French* cry, Pox take her; the *Swiſs Cantons* have Excommunicated her, and all her Friends and Relations, from ever Communicating with them, in any Thing, by Reaſon of her Sorceries and Witch-

crafts. *Vid.* Calv. Inſtitut. *Lib.* IV. *Cap.* 6.

The *Iriſhmen*, promiſcuouſly Proteſtant and Papiſt, curſe her to the Devil; and pray that ſhe may never eat Potatoes: And, in ſhort, almoſt all the Nations of *Europe* have ſuffer'd by her Abominations. My Accounts are not yet arriv'd from *Scotland*.

But, this being an Anticipation of the Thred of my Hiſtory, I beg Leave to obſerve, that about the Time that *Oceana* was in her Bloom, and the Eyes of all Nations, Kingdoms, and People, were upon her, and paid their Court with utmoſt Induſtry, and at every Expence; (for ſhe was like other Topping Ladies, that excel in Charms, and ſell themſelves at deareſt Rates;) inſomuch, that, at laſt, nothing under a Star and Garter was admitted; nor dar'd any Man to approach her Apartments (for many Months before) without running in Debt with his Taylor, and Coach-Maker, and fluttering and glittering all over, from the Horſes Fore-heads, even to the Footmens Back-ſides, with Gilt-Leather, and Lac'd-Coats. So

So have I ſeen a tender Nymph from *Northampton*, freſh, and fair, and well-limb'd, and handſome, and young, on her firſt Appearance in Town, humbly content with moderate Gain and Shew; Callico, and Bread, and a Play, was an Holy-day Feaſt for Madam. But when the Heroes, at *Garaway*'s, had once ſingled her out, and became Rivals and Bidders for her Love, and extol'd her Beauty, and enhaunc'd her Price, the ſawcy Slut ſtep'd out Dutcheſs all at once. Her primitive Lodgings, Up-ſtairs, grew worſe to her than her Country Cottage; ſhe muſt have a Parlour; a Drawing-Room; a Dreſſing-Room; and, above all, a Bed-Chamber or Two. A Coach, with a Pair only, was as vulgar as a Country Cart; and a Berlin and Six, with a White Footman, and a Black Valet, was the leaſt Attendance her Grace could be content with: Her Callico grew into a Damask; her Damask was metamorphos'd into a Brocade; and ſo Madam knew not her ſelf; not what ſhe came from; not what ſhe might come

come to; from the abundant Pride of her Heart. But, lo! the Gentry grow ſick and weary; Madam is diſcover'd to be falſe at Heart, and unſound at Bottom: She keeps Bullies; ſhe Paints, ſhe Patches, and Palmes falſe Dice upon them all at Play. Why! what then? Why they look ſimply, having Cullied one another; ſhe is kick'd up to her ancient Garret, there to ſtarve, die, and diſſolve; and they go Home with empty Purſes, and with aking Hearts. *Probatum eſt.*

But, as I was ſaying, when *Oceana* was in her Bloom, and her Charms enliven'd all the happy Crowd about her, nor were her Deformities diſcover'd, nor did her Witch-craft and Incantations appear, nor were her Cheats and Fallacies laid open; her Mother *Avaritia* was deliver'd of Three Hundred Sixty Five Living Brutes, and as many Abortive Dead ones, which was occaſion'd by an Iniquity of her's with the Parſon of the Pariſh. He, good Man, ſent one Day for *Avaritia*, and told her what infamous and wicked Pranks were plac'd

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to the Charge of her Daughter *Oceana*, and that if *Oceana* didn't confeſs and repent, and deny the Devil and all his Works, ſhe would deſtroy her own Soul and Body, and all the Souls and Bodies ſhe had to do with, for ever.

Avaritia began to exclaim, deny, and curſe, and ſwear; and the Parſon inſiſting upon ſome Things that look'd too like Truth, and preſſing the Facts and Fallacies too home upon her, ſhe cut all his Arguments down at once, by a Figure call'd *Perjury*, ſwore off all to his Face, and wiſh'd that ſhe might ſoon be deliver'd of twice as many Monſters as there are Days in the Year, if her Daughter *Oceana* was not one of the Honeſteſt and moſt Vertuous of Women in the World.

And ſhe had her Wiſh, *Oceana* was found to be a Whore and a Cheat; and *Avaritia* was deliver'd of what I told you before.

To make my Story ſhort, the Brutes became a diſmal and deviliſh Crew, in a ſhort Time; for they imitated and learn'd

learn'd all their Eldeſt Siſter's helliſh Arts, and reſolv'd to be as Splendid and as Wicked as ſhe had been, if poſſible.

One can't imagine how theſe Monſters ſucceeded and thriv'd! they dreſs'd, they play'd, they ſet up Equipages, the Women envy'd them; the Fellows follow'd them; all alike was their Good Fortune, tho' ſome of them were as ugly and as deform'd, had as few Attractions and Invitations about them, as the Devil, or a worſe Enemy, could wiſh them.

Thus ends, at preſent, the Story of that Jezebel, *Oceana Trickſter*. As for *Thameſis*, who was the firſt of theſe Beaſts, that open'd the Womb in a Crowd, ſhe was a worthy Siſter of *Oceana*. The Monſter was born an Old Maid, and a certain Lawyer ſaid ſhe was a Cheat, as ſoon as ſhe came into the World; and that all her Relations were Magicians and Rogues; for, to his Knowledge, ſhe had been Common for many Years: He ſwore alſo that he ſold her to a Society in *Drury-Lane*, who pretended to raiſe

raiſe Water from the River, near *York-Buildings*, to purify the *Hundreds* from Filth and Abomination; but that they never could do it, and that *Thameſis* and all her Friends and Guardians were *Bites*, and ought to be proſecuted according to Law. But, you muſt know, this Lawyer has no good Name; and *Thameſis* had never been ſick or diſorder'd, but had appear'd a meer Beauty to this Day, (ay! and will do ſo;) hadn't her envious, ſimple Siſter *Oceana*, ſeeing her thrive and proſper, and remarking great Court to be paid to her, not only by Lords and Ladies, but by Soldiers, Parſons, and others; (whoſe Names I may as well omit) in ſhort, had ſhe not wrongly, fooliſhly, indiſcreetly, unadviſedly, and to her own Downfall, ſent to *Mercury*, who made Intereſt with *Jupiter*, ſome Way or other, and by this Means, the unuſual Thunder, call'd *Scire-Facias*, was bolted out, and down fell *Oceana*'s ſelf, *Thameſis*, and all the Crew together. Of this more by and by.

My Hiſtory would be too tedious, to give Characters of the reſt of theſe Monſters, therefore I'll only inſert their Names, as they are to be tranſmitted to the *Arabick* Profeſſor, in *Oxford*, to be Enroll'd in the Library there, in that learned Language; an Act being to paſs this Seſſion, that no *Engliſh* Author ſhall ever make Mention of them, on Pain of being poor, ay! very poor; and his Family after him.

A Liſt of *Avaritia*'s Second Venture, being all Twins, (as my Countryman ſays) and Siſter-Monſters to *Oceana*, the Grand Monſter; as they are tranſmitted, in *Arabick*, to be Recorded amongſt the Antiquities, and other Rarities, at *Oxford*. *N. B.* For the Benefit of the Ignorant, the *Engliſh* Character is made uſe of, inſtead of the Original *Arabick*.

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A Project for a Grand Fiſhery.
For a Royal Fiſhery.
For a National Fiſhery.
For a Fiſhery *to* Greenland, *and* Elſewhere.
For a Greenland Trade; *and a* Whale Fiſhery *in* Davis's Streights.
For another Greenland Trade.

For

For Buying *and* Building *of* Ships, *to* Let *or* Freight.

For Sowing Hemp *and* Flax.

For Manufacturing Sail-Cloath.

Another for Manufacturing Sail Cloth, *and* Fine Holland.

For carrying on the Cotton, *and* Cotton-Silk Manufactures.

For a General Inſurance *from* Fire, *in any* Part *of* England.

For a General Inſurance *from* Loſſes *by* Fire, *within the* Kingdom *of* England.

For carrying on a Trade *to his* Majeſty's German Dominions.

For the Importation *of* Timber *from* Germany.

For carrying on a Salt-Work.

For Planting *and* Rearing *a* Wood, *call'd* Mader.

An Invention *to* Prepare *and* Cure Virginia Tobacco, *for* Snuff.

For the Importation *of* Swediſh Iron.

For Supplying London *with* Sea-Coal.

For Building *or* Rebuilding Houſes, *throughout all* England.

For Making *of* Muſlin.

For Carrying *on*, *and* Improving *the* Britiſh Allum-Works.

For effectually Settling *the* Iſlands *of* Blanco, *and* Sal-Tortugas.

For an Engine *to* Supply Freſh Water, *for the* Inhabitants *of the* Town *of* Deal.

For Buying *and* Importing *of* Holland Flanders Lace, *&c.*

For Improvement *of* Lands, *in* Great Britain.

For Encouraging *the* Breed *of* Horſes, *in* England; *and* Improving *of* Glebe *and* Church-Lands; *and* Repairing *and* Rebuilding Parſonage, *and* Vicarage-Houſes.

For Making *of* Iron, *and* Steel, *in* Great Britain.

For Improving Land *in* Flintſhire.

For Purchaſing Lands *to* Build *on.*

For Trading *in* Hair.

For Erecting Salt-Pans *in* Holy-Iſland.

For Buying *and* Selling Eſtates; Lending Money *on* Mortgages, *&c.*

For carrying on an Undertaking *of great* Advantage; *but no* Body *to know* what *it is.*

For Paving *the* Streets *of* London.

For Furniſhing Funerals *to any* Part *of* Great Britain.

Another for Buying *and* Selling Lands; *and* Lending Money, *at* Intereſt.

For carrying on the Royal Fiſhery *of* Great Britain.

For Aſſurance *of* Seamens Wages.

For Erecting Loan-Offices, *for the* Aſſiſtance *and* Encouragement *of the* Induſtrious.

For

For Purchaſing *and* Leaſing Improveable Lands.

For Importing Pitch *and* Tar, *and other* Naval Stores, *from* North-Britain *and* America.

For the Cloathing, Felt, *and* Pantile-Trade.

For Purchaſing *and* Improving *a* Manor *and* Royalty *in* Eſſex, *&c.*

For Inſuring *of* Horſes.

For Exporting *the* Woollen Manufacture; *and* Importing Copper, Braſs, *and* Iron.

For a Grand Diſpenſary.

For Erecting Mills *for* Milling *of* Lead; *and* Purchaſing *of* Lead-Mines, *&c.*

For Improving *the* Art *of* Making Soap.

For a Settlement *on the* Iſland *of* Santa Cruz.

For Sinking Pits, *and* Melting Led-Oar, *in* Darby-ſhire.

For Making Glaſs-Bottles, *and* Glaſs.

For a Wheel *for* Perpetual Motion.

For Improving *of* Gardens.

For Inſuring *and* Increaſing Childrens Fortunes.

For Entring *and* Loading Goods *at the* Cuſtom-Houſe, *&c.*

For carrying on a Woollen Manufacture *in the* North *of* England.

For

For Importing Walnut-Tree *from* Virginia.

For Making Manchester Stuffs *of* Thread *and* Cotton.

For making Joppa *and* Castle Soap.

For the Wrought Iron *and* Steel Manufactures *in this* Kingdom.

For Dealing *in* Lace, Hollands, Cambricks, Lawns, *&c.*

For Trading *in, and* Improving *certain* Commodities *of the* Product *of this* Kingdom, *&c.*

For Supplying *the* London Markets *with* Cattle.

For Making Looking-Glasses, Coach-Glasses, *&c.*

For the Tin *and* Lead Mines, *in* Cornwall *and* Derby shire.

For Making Rape-Oil.

For Importing Beaver-Fur.

For Making *of* Past-Board, Packing-Paper, *&c.*

For Importing *of* Oils *and other* Materials *used in the* Woollen Manufactures.

For the Improving *and* Increase *of the* Silk Manufacture.

For Lending Money *on* Stocks, Annuities, Tallies, *&c.*

For Paying Pensions *to* Widows, *&c. at* Small Discount.

For Improving Malt-Liquor.

F—— *For a* Grand American Fishery.

For

For Purchaſing *and* Improving Fenny Lands, *in* Lincolnſhire.

For Improving *the* Paper Manufacture *in* Great Britain.

The Bottomry Society.

For Drying Malt *by* Hot Air.

For *carrying on a* Trade *in the* River Oroonoko *in* America.

For *the more effectual making of* Bays *in* Colcheſter, *and other* Parts *of* Great Britain.

For Buying *of* Naval Stores, Supplying *the* Victualling, *and* Paying Wages *of the* Workmen.

For Employing Poor Artificers, *and* Furniſhing Merchants *and* Others *with* Watches.

For Improvement *of* Tillage, *and the* Breed *of* Cattle.

Another, *for the* Improvement *of our* Breed *of* Horſes.

Another for Inſuring *of* Horſes.

For *carrying on the* Corn Trade *of* Great Britain.

For Inſuring *to all* Maſters *and* Miſtreſſes, *the* Loſſes *they ſhall* Suſtain *by* Servants.

For Erecting Houſes, *or* Hoſpitals, *for* Taking in *and* Maintaining Baſtard Children.

For Bleaching *of* Courſe Sugars, *without the* Uſe *of* Fire, *or* Loſs *of* Subſtance.

For

For Turn-Pikes, *and* Wharfs.

For Inſuring *from* Theſts *and* Robberies.

For Extracting Silver *from* Lead.

For *making* China *and* Delf Ware.

For Importing *of* Tobacco, *and* Exporting *it again to* Sweden, *&c.*

For Making Iron *with* Pit-Coal.

For Furniſhing *the* Cities *of* London *and* Weſtminſter, *and the* Suburbs, *with* Hay, *and* Straw.

For a Sail *and* Packing-Cloth Manufacture *in* Ireland.

For *taking up* Ballaſt.

For Buying *and* Fitting *out* Ships *to* Suppreſs Pyrates.

For Importing Timber *from* Wales.

For Rock-Salt.

For *the* Tranſmutation *of* Quick-ſilver *into a* Maleable Fine Metal.

Alſo Jerſey. Nova-Britania. R. Thanett. Morriſon's Haven. Jamaica. Liverpool. Fiſhpool, *and* Fifty *more*, *whoſe* Names *would* Blaſt *the* Readers Eyes *to look on them.*

The following were Abortive.

An Hundred Offices of Inſurance againſt the *Veneral Diſeaſe*, by what Title ſoever dignified or diſtinguiſhed, each to raiſe Five Hundred Thouſand Pounds.

Fifty different Offices for *Speedy Cure*, if the Inſurance fails.

As

As many more to Cure the *Gout*, *Stone*, and all other Diſeaſes.

A Patent, for new invented *Italian Pad-Locks*, very ſafe to the Key-Keeper, and eaſy to the Carrier.

A Project to Inſure *Uniformity* amongſt Proteſtant *Diſſenters*.

Another to Inſure it amongſt the *Orthodox*.

An Engine to Extract *Butter* out of *Beech-Trees*, chiefly for the Benefit of the *Dutch*; as moſt Engines and Projects are.

A Deſign to build Caſtles in the *Air*, for the Uſe of all Towns-Folks, who either never had any *Country Seats*, or who have lately ſold them.

An obſolete Arret of Parliament *diſcover*'d, enabling a certain Society to grow rich; (by a Method therein ſpecify'd) for the Good of the Country in general, where the Arret was publiſh'd; altho' moſt of the particular People, of that Country, ſhould happen to be undone by it.

N. B. A very *Bubble*, This, of *Bubbles*, and the Cauſe of all *Bubbles*.

An *Hydroſtatical Air-Pump*, to draw all manner of Wind and Vapours out Human Brains.

Five Hundred Thouſand Pounds for Building *Automatons*, i. e. Carriages for conveying ſingle Perſons, thro', and about, the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, and all other pav'd Places, without the Help of Four-footed Beaſts; the Motion is to be perform'd by the Perſon carried, who is to wind up his Wheels every Two Thouſandth Yard.

It is propos'd that every Proprietor ſhall be able to ride in his own Coach and Six, in Nine Months, by the Profits ariſing from this Machine.

N. B. A *Flying-Engine* is under the Conſideration of the Author of the *Automaton*, and it is ſpeedily expected to be ſeen in the Air.

Thirty different Inſurances of Marriages from *Divorce*; ſome of them offering very agreeable Securities.

Five Millions rais'd to Inſure *Divorces*, on the Oath of either Party, that what they ſay is Reaſonable and True.

A Million to be rais'd to encourage *Wiſe Men* to *Caſt Nativities*, &c. whereby Riches are propos'd to the Proprietors; and Satisfaction and Happineſs to Enquirers: For Inſtance, who would Marry a *Scold*, if he was ſure that ſhe would be ſo, before-hand? Who would be bred a *Lawyer*, if he knew he ſhould never get a *Fee*? Or, who would ſtudy to be a *Parſon*, if he is certain of being a *Blockhead* when he has done; and ſo on?

A Subſcription for raiſing Money, to make an Engine to remove the *South-Sea Houſe*, intire, as it ſtands now, in all its Parts, to *Moor-fields*; and then, and there, to Incorporate it with *Bethelem-Hoſpital*.

And now comes on the Inauſpicious Day, wherein *Avaritia*'s and *Trickſter*'s Children meet, to proſecute a Deſign, befiting their worthleſs Parents; which, had *Jupiter* ſuffer'd to proceed, with Succeſs, Farewel *Old England*.

The Governor had been oblig'd to haſten over, from Abroad; his Coun-

ſellors had ſoon follow'd him; the *Juſtices* had been terrified; the *Directors* of the *S— S—*, frighten'd out of their Wits; the *Bubbles* all blown away; yes! the moſt Solid of them, even *Copper*, becoming as light as Duſt; the *Bankers* had been Confiſcated; the *Goldſmiths* kept Holy-day; the *Merchants* run away to the Country; our Money all gone to *Holland*; and an Inſurrection, or Invaſion, or a Comet, or Eclipſe, or ſome other ſtranger Things had happen'd. But, thank our Stars, we have eſcap'd all theſe terrible Things.

However, the Roguery of theſe *Beaſts* and *Brutes* was never the leſs wicked and deviliſh, for Miſcarrying; becauſe they actually and wittingly deſign'd theſe Things.

Oceana was ſeated under a Canopy of falſe Gold, dizen'd out in Tinſel'd, Taudry Garments, very Glorious to the Eye, but of no real Value; her Half-Brethren being promiſcuouſly diſpers'd around her.

A Parcel of Joint-Stools were here and there ſcatter'd, for the Uſe of the ſeveral Orators. Si-

Silence being made, up ſtarts *Piſcipula*, and begins thus:———

Πομφόλυξ ὁ Ἀνθρωπος; Bar *Latin*, ſays *Jerſey*, who is a yellow-fac'd, black-brow'd, frowzy Lady; ſullen as a Poſt, and ſeldom ſpeaks more than Three Words at a Time. You Fool, ſays *Santa Cruz*, it is *Welſh*; and, being Antient *Britiſh* Language, ought to be admitted. *Rape-Oil*, in a Rage, ſaid, that a Foreigner ſhoudn't uſe a Native ſo contemptuouſly, and had like to have thrown a whole Viol full in *Santa*'s Face; but *Torbay*, being nigh, upheld a Copper-Plate, in her wither'd feeble Hands, and ſtop'd the Projection.

Rock-Salt, being a Wit, declar'd, before the Company, that the Words, which gave Offence, were either *Arabick*, or *Greek*, and deſir'd that the worthy Member might go on and explain himſelf; *Joppa* ſeconded the Motion; and ſo *Piſcipula* proceeded to the Buſineſs of the Day.

Πομφόλυξ ὁ Ἀνθρωπος; Man is a Bubble, ſays *Plato*: With that, there was a general Out-cry, Noiſe, and Huzzaing; ſome Applauding, others Condemning; ſome

ſome crying, Hear him; others, To Order; inſomuch, that from Noiſe, they fell to Blows, and ſuch a Mixture of Confuſion was never ſeen before; *Liverpool* ſwell'd at *Fiſhpool*, and put her in ſuch a Storm, that ſhe had quite ſunk her, hadn't *Bottomry-Society* come to her Aſſiſtance. *Malt-Liquor* pour'd it ſelf all over the Woollen-Manufacture, *Hollands*, *Cambricks*, *Lawns*, and *Silks*, ſo that you could hardly tell what they were made of; but, in comes the *Quick-Silver*; and, upon that, off ſcours the *Liquor*, *Solus*. *Malt* ſeeing the Retreat, flies thro' its own *Hot Air*, and whip'd into the *Liquor* again, ſo furiouſly, that it put it into ſuch a Ferment, that all the Company was in Danger of Scalding: With that, *Ballaſt* throws her ſelf into the Steam, and ſinking down, to the Bottom, diſſipated the Heat, and ſav'd the Company. *China* and *Delft* had got a good way off; but the *Pitch* and *Tar* having taken Fire, put the *Paper* in a Blaze; this ſcorch'd the *Trade to Oroonoko*; *Oroonoko*, to avoid Miſchief, run into the *Hay* and *Straw*, their Smoke ſtifled the

the *Theft* and *Robberies*; *Theft* and *Robberies* ran, blind-fold, upon the *Silver*, juſt as it was coming *out of the Lead*; the *Silver* preſs'd the *Loſſes by Servants*, and the *Servants* fell foul on the *China* and *Delft*; after which, the *Mettles*, the *Lands*, the *Joint-Stools*, the *Waters*, all were ſo irritated, that almoſt all the Society was in a Combuſtion; till, at laſt, in comes *Thames-Water*, pouring thick, as Duſt, upon the whole Aſſembly, and having cool'd them, produces a large Bottle, and Glaſs, and beg'd the Company to drink round; this being done, for *Lethe* was the Liquor, (made Neat, and Pure, by *Flower-de-Luce*, the Roſicrucian, in *Covent-Garden*;) all was forgotten.

Again begins *Piſcipula*: Πομφόλυξ ὁ Ἄνθρωπος, *Man is a Bubble*, ſays *Plato*. *Blanco*, *Flintſhire*, *Holy-Iſland*, *Ram*, and *Cuſtom-Houſe*, deſired, before ſhe went on, that *Piſcipula* ſhould explain, whether ſhe meant That, as an *Encomium* or *Reflection* on the Company; ſhe anſwers, in Anger, *Encomium*; and mov'd that ſhe might be allow'd to ſpeak for half an Hour, without Interruption; or elſe

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ſhe'd ſit down. *Glaſs-Bottles* ſeconded the Motion, and put the Queſtion; which paſſing in the Affirmative, thus ſhe went on:

Πομφόλυξ ὁ Ἄνθρωπος; *Man is a Bubble*, ſays *Plato*: 'All the World is a Storm; and Men riſe up, in their ſeveral Generations, like *Bubbles*, deſcending a *Jove Pluvio*, from a Tear and Drop of Man, from Nature and Providence; and ſome of theſe, inſtantly, ſink into the Deluge of their firſt Parent, and are hidden in a Sheet of Water, having had no other Buſineſs, in the World, but to be born, that they may be able to die; others float up and down, Two or Three Turns, and ſuddenly diſappear, and give their Places to others; and they that live longeſt, upon the Face of the Waters, are in perpetual Motion, reſtleſs and uneaſy, and being cruſh'd with a great Drop of a Cloud, ſink into Flatneſs and Froth; the Change not being great, *it being hardly poſſible it ſhould be more a Nothing, than it was before.*' [*Vid.* Taylor's Holy Dying, *p.* 1.]

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Upon this, there was an univerſal Murmur, and Grating of Teeth; but no Body ſtir'd, or ſpoke; for you muſt know, the whole Squabble was owing to Jealouſy; *Piſcipula* being a known Wit and Joker, the Company imagin'd ſhe only deſign'd to laugh at them, by her beginning with hard Words, and in an unknown Language.

Πομφόλυζ ὁ Ἀνθρωπος being explain'd, out of *Plato*, the Orator told the Company, that the Application was Obvious, and ſo he went on, in the following Manner:

'My Brethren, it was, once, my Opinion, that the Impudence and Injuſtice, with which the Money'd Part of Mankind behave themſelves, towards the reſt of the World, is carried to ſuch an Height, that Faith and Honour are no more mentioned in the Diſpute. To urge them againſt Intereſt, is only thought Vain and Romantick.'

Under this and many more Difficulties, have I endeavour'd to ſerve my Country, ay! and impoveriſh'd and ruin'd my ſelf, and others, to oblige, me-

liorate, and benefit Mankind. Fooliſh Deſign! and with Grief be it ſpoken, to carry on the ſame Romantic Humour, I have labour'd to diſgrace and ruin my own Fleſh and Blood, the Beautiful, the Vertuous *Oceana*. O! the Ill-Language, and every Ill-Treatment that I have given her. But, Experience has open'd my Eyes, and I allow that to be *Rich*, is preferable, to Wiſdom, to Wit, to every Thing elſe. My Brethren, be *Rich*; haſte to be *Rich*. The *Land*, and all its Products, be your Province; nay, the Surface of the *Ocean* be your's; but, its unſeen Treaſure, its Inhabitants be mine. The moſt *Exotick* Fiſh ſhall henceforth become *Inmates* to our *Britiſh* Coaſt; and, in ſhort, whether they will be ſo, or whether they will not, I reſolve to begin my Fund, and To-morrow ſhall *Button*, *cum Socijs*, by Virtue of this Myſterious Paper, and this Caballiſtical Wax, unlock their Scrutores, open their Purſes, and turn out their Pockets, to pour their Money ſwimmingly into my Lap-

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My Secret, Brethren, is at your Command, herewith I poſſeſs you all of the Charm, haſte away to your ſeveral Stations, uſe the Inchanted Paper, fix the *Teleſmanical* Wax, and ſtraight your Neighbours become Poor, and you become Rich. Dear *Oceana*, to you I owe, that I am henceforward to be Happy, I rejoice at your Arts, I am thankful for your Example, and pray for your Pardon.

My Brethren, next to Expedition, I recommend the exploded Thing, call'd *Hardneſs of Heart*, to your conſtant and ſerious Meditations; exerciſe all the Ferity of your Natures, ſpare no Body, pity no Body, cheat every Body, laugh at every Body, ſtarve every Body; but *be ſure grow Rich.* This was the Command of our Mother; this, the whole Aim and Bent of all our Fathers Thoughts and Actions.

Thameſis roſe up and offer'd Thanks, for Siſter *Piſcipula*'s Speech, which was, immediately, agreed to, by the whole Family; adding, that their Deſigns muſt ſpeedily be put in Execution; for, that

her Mother, dying, left her a Schedule, in her own Hand-writing, wherein the Conjunction of the Stars, in Favour to her Children, was explain'd; which Shedule ſhe produc'd to the Peruſal of the Houſe; and having perus'd it, they found but Six Months given them, by *Saturn* and *Pluto*, to riſe, from Poverty and Beggary, to immenſe Riches and Wealth; nay, to their Surprize, they found One of the Six Months Elaps'd.

'Tis impoſſible, on this Diſcovery, to expreſs, nay, to conceive the different Appearances of Paſſions, in all, and in every one of their Faces; *Braſs* bluſh'd, *Copper* redden'd, *Lead* was thrown into Convulſions, *Jamaica* had an Earthquake, *Rock Salt* diſſolv'd, *Ballaſt* mov'd, *Quick-Silver* ſtood ſtill, and, in ſhort, ſuch Confuſion and Contrarieties appear'd, that you would think Nature's ſelf was juſt dying of the *Hyſterick* and *Paralitick* Fits.

At length, up gets the *Land in Flintſhire*, but not being accuſtom'd to *Extempore* Speaking, gave Way to *Sea Man's Wages*, who ſeem'd pert and forward; what

what ſhe ſaid was not very material; and ſo up ſtood *Holy Iſland*, and propos'd, that Ways and Means might be thought on, how to employ the Five Months to come to the Purpoſes of the Day. Upon that, they commun'd many Hours, and came to moſt execrable and abominable Reſolutions.

As, That this Society will, in all Things, ſtand by and aſſiſt one another, lawful or unlawful, wicked or not ſo, in order to procure *Money*, for one another; particularly to this End, that jointly and ſeverally, they ſhall ſwear for one another; that the *Bubblees* ſhall receive immenſe Gain, by paying ſmall Sums, in Hand, altho' the *Bubblors*, for certain, reſolve they ſhall never get a Farthing; and many more too tedious to infert.

This being done, by a Committee of the whole Houſe, they divided themſelves, into ſeperate Committees, for the more eaſy and ſpeedy carrying on their Helliſh Deſigns. Particularly there was a Committee of *Magic* Eſtabliſh'd, whereby Mens Senſes and Reaſon were both

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to be impos'd on; Black was to be White; Two and Two prov'd never able to make Four; nay, that a Pepper-Corn ſhould ſoon produce an Oak-Tree. They had a Committee alſo, *De propaganda Fide*, who were the worſt Rogues and Inchanters amongſt them, and who, by the Uſe of Spells and Charms, cou'd make them believe any thing; as, that *Braſs* was better than Silver; and a Bit of Paper, with a Magical Seal to it, would produce an Immenſity of Gold, only by keeping it a while in your Pocket.

Oceana, wiſely judging, from the Quarrel at their firſt Appearance, that ſome Miſchief might enſue, ſent a Page, privately, to *Mercury*, who, by the By, is as bad a Thief as any of the Crew, and can be brib'd to any thing; nay, *Robin* isn't readier for an Intriegue, than *Mercury*; ſhe begs of him to haſten to *Jupiter*, and to inform him of the wicked Deſigns of her Siſters; that for her Part, ſhe was Vertuous and Honeſt, and was always an Admirer of *Jupiter*, and would build him Temples, and load his Altars, if he would protect

teſt and defend her, and defeat the Deſigns of her Half-Siſters, who were notoriouſly wicked, and dealt with the *Devil*; and had no Regard to *Jupiter*; with that ſhe ſqueezes one Purſe of the *Gnoſſian* Kind, into one Hand, and another made of the *Nilactick* Reed, into the other, and, bidding him do what he would with 'em, away he flies to addreſs his Maſter.

In the mean Time, *Oceana* ſits ſilent, and ſeems well pleas'd with all that was done; and indeed ſo ſhe had Reaſon, if ſhe had known her true Intereſt, for *Oceana* and the Beaſts were all of the ſame Fleſh and Blood, and their Intereſt hung in a String, if *Oceana* had been wiſe enough to find it out. But, not to be tedious, *Mercury* meets *Jupiter* in none of his brighteſt Hours, and when he had no Counſellors about him, and delivers *Oceana*'s Meſſage in as Handſome Words as is poſſible, ſo Handſome that he talk'd him out of his thrice *Triſulcat* Thunder-Bolt; which, when the Pimp had got hold on, he level'd it into the very Middle of the *Brutes*, level'd it ſo exactly,

actly, that he tore 'em all to Pieces; and maim'd, murder'd they were; but, what think you? *Thamesis* got *Oceana* by the Throat, and while the reſt were Curſing, Swearing, Damning, Dying; *Thamesis* very powerfully tore out *Oceana*'s Wind-Pipe; and ſo, to conclude, They All Expir'd together.

FINIS.